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LOK SABHA

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POLICY TO CHECK POLLUTION IN CITIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any revised policy to check the increasing air and water pollution in the cities of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the revised policy is likely to be implemented; and

(d) the details of the Source Apportionment Studies undertaken in various cities along with the findings thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement Referred To In Reply To Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 97 Due For Reply On 21.11.2007 By Shri Adhir Chowdhury Regarding 'Policy To Check Pollution In Cities'.

(a) to (d): The National Environment Policy, 2006 seeks to address the task of mitigation of air and water pollution in the cities taking into account the existing plans and programmes.

To abate and control air and water pollution, various steps have been initiated including the following:

Emission and effluent standards have been notified for various categories of industries under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986.

The ambient air quality is monitored at 339 loctions in 108 cities/towns under the National Air Quality Monitoring Programme (NAMP).

Action plans for improvement of Air quality have been prepared and implemented for 16 cities.

Cleaner fuels have been introduced for control of vehicular pollution as per Auto Fuel Policy.

Source Apportionment Studies for suspended particulate matter (SPM) and respirable suspended particulate matter (RSPM) have been initiated for ascertaining contribution from various sources in six cities, namely, Delhi, Kanpur, Mumbai, Pune, Bangalore and Chennai through various institutions.

The water quality is monitored at 1037 locations in the country under the National Water Quality Monitoring Programme (NWMP).

For controlling water pollution emanating from Small Scale Industries units, a centrally sponsored scheme for establishment of Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) is under implementation.